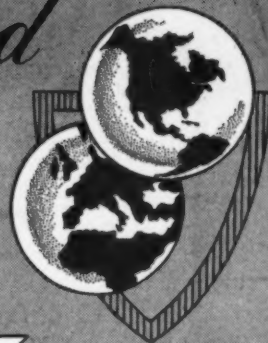


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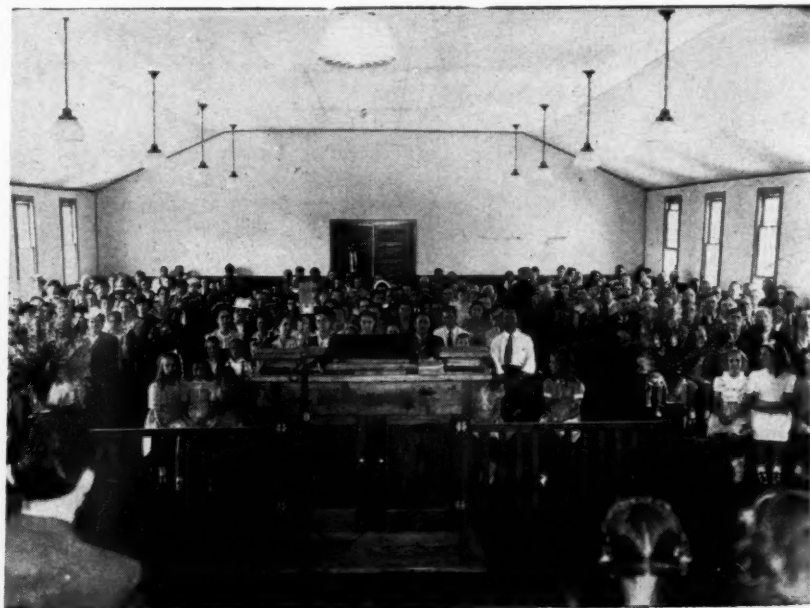
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GOOD WORK AT SOUTH GASTONIA, S. C.

We praise God for the good work at South Gastonia, S. C. God is blessing in every department. Our church is forty by ninety feet, with full-size basement, and it looks like we will have to enlarge if the crowds get much larger. We hardly have room on Sunday nights. Our Sunday School was in the Big Ten column for the first time last month. We have some of the best people here with whom I have ever worked. We are in a revival at this time and God is pouring out His blessings. We give God all of the praise. Pray for us.—Ray Collins, pastor.

COVER PICTURE

We dedicate the cover picture of this issue to Egypt and our missionaries there. The Great Sphinx of Giza is 189 feet long, carved of rock. This sphinx was likely the work of the IVth Dynasty.

The special article and pictures by Rev. D. B. Hatfield are very much appreciated.



Rev. Ray Collins

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

The Compassion

of CHRIST

By Mrs. John F. Chames

As we study together the Saviour's compassion, we want to especially notice what His greatest compassion was, and as we think of that, try to place ourselves beside the Saviour and see how we measure up. It is well to stop a moment and ask yourself, "What is my greatest compassion, or desire? Is it to have the comfortable things of life to satisfy my own wants and wishes? or is it to rescue the LOST and dying from a burning hell?" If we expect to do this, we must work now (seeking to bring the lost to Jesus). Night is near at hand. Jesus is soon coming; our opportunity will soon be gone.

Christian friend, our greatest compassion should be for the lost, that we would be more like Jesus. He said in Luke 19:10, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Then, that was His greatest compassion. It is true that neither you nor I can save them, but we can tell the world of Jesus and how He died for one and all. Then, should the hearer fail to accept the love of Jesus, our hands would be clear at the judgment. The Psalmist said in Ps. 24:3-5, "Who shall ascend unto the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation." I feel so deeply impressed that what we do for ourselves will soon be vanished and gone, and only that which we have done for the Saviour will count. It helps us to take inventory of ourselves, look back over our lives, and check that which we have honestly and sincerely done for Christ. Would there be very many checks? If we are seeking a comfortable living more than we are seeking the lost for Jesus, you know very well that is not pleasing Him.

It has been said, "I want to live a life just as if I knew Jesus were coming tomorrow." Of course, that would be a wonderful life to live. But just think, if any of us knew that Jesus were coming tomorrow, what would we be doing? There would be no time

for washing, house cleaning, or dress-making. If our hands were clean and our hearts were pure, we would be trying to get that loved one, friend or neighbor saved. Many a time self has to be denied to please Jesus. In Matt. 16:24, Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Think how near the coming of the Saviour is, and it will disturb that compassion in your soul so it won't be a burden to deny self for Jesus' sake.

The only way of showing our compassion for Jesus is by doing what His Word teaches. In Matt. 25:42, 43, He said, "For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in:

naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not." Friend, if we fail to do these things, these will be sad words when we stand at the judgment. We all do not have the same opportunities, or callings, but every born-again person has a compassion for the lost (if not, there is something bad wrong with the experience), also a compassion for our brother, or sister, who does not have the opportunity of attending church, and their souls are hungry and thirsty for the help that Christians can give one another.

Some say people are no longer hungry for the gospel. I firmly disagree, for why do they go to church? Those souls have a desire for something,

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1948

The National Association of Evangelicals has called this second special World Day of Prayer, asking everyone who will to please observe this call to prayer.

Conditions about us plainly show that men have forgotten God and turned their backs upon His authoritative Word, right here in our fair land of America. For many years subtle and subversive forces and philosophies under the guise of a new liberalism have attempted to overthrow both the church and state. The sad part of it is, we are rapidly moving toward a certain chaos. "America was born a Christian nation" and cradled in the Word of God, but alas! today, while she revels in the thought of leading the world in influence and power, she is also shamefully leading in sin and disgrace.

"We spend a few millions in social uplift, but crime takes thirteen billions of dollars a year! We boast of our religious organizations, but there are twenty-six to thirty million young people who are not under the influence of church or Sunday School in America."

Remember, "righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people," Prov. 14:34. "Call upon me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not," Jer. 33:3.

There never was an age that needed real, fervent, earnest, believing prayer more than we do today. Shall we accept the challenge that God has given us?

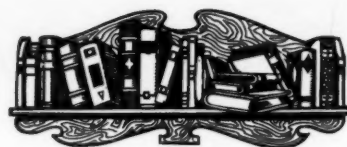
"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land," 2 Chron. 7:14.

Those desiring a splendid special service program prepared in five main divisions under the captions of:

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BIBLE GLINTS ^{and} Late Events

BY THE EDITOR



THAT RUMOR ABOUT YOUR COLLEGE

By Erwin G. Benson

As the college year gets under way once more, the seeds of rumor will soon be sown. Some of these will develop into a full harvest before the year has ended.

We should prayerfully consider all the facts before giving credence to rumors about the colleges. Rumors have a queer way of becoming grotesquely distorted in the passing.

Consider how rumors get started. At the beginning of each year, young people from different homes and different sections of the country are enrolled in our colleges. They have a variety of backgrounds. They bring with them the spiritual standards of their local churches. They come with varying degrees of personal spirituality. Hundreds of young people live together in a very small and relatively secluded community—young people with all kinds of personalities, backgrounds, temperaments, and standards.

In order to be accepted, all prospective students agree to abide by the standards and regulations of the college of their own, or perhaps their parents', choice. In some instances, they sign a pledge to uphold the college standards.

However, just as every local church has its members who forget their vows and interpret the regulations of the church to suit their own tastes, just so do our colleges have a few students who interpret the standards to suit themselves. Happily, in both cases, these individuals are in the very small minority; but it is from the actions of such persons that the largest and most colorful rumors arise.

Each of our colleges is well staffed. Our college presidents are men who are loyal to the church. Faculties of saved and sanctified men and women have been carefully chosen. These teachers are willing to accept comparatively low financial remuneration, because they believe they can make a spiritual contribution to the lives of our young people. Often, they, too, are from different sections of the country and are accustomed to varying local church customs.

We should have confidence in our college leaders. They are just as anxious to uphold the standards of the church, and to secure student acceptance of them, as are parents and pastors. The teachers live with our college young people and see possibilities of development that are not always realized by those at a distance. A harsh and ironclad interpretation of college regulations by these teachers, without consideration of the peculiar circumstances surrounding the individual being disciplined, could easily blight the development of a potentially strong Christian leader, or even result in the loss of a soul for Christ. The standards of a college are not destroyed through temporary leniency to a single student; but a boy or girl can be broken and lost forever to God and the church through unnecessary harshness.

Many times, when the faculty is watchfully and prayerfully withholding severe discipline while they continue to expose the student to holiness teaching, other students write home to parents and pastors. Their letters may carry statements that certain things are being permitted on the campus, contrary to regulations. The part that isn't writ-

ten, usually because it is not known, is that the faculty is aware of the situation and is following what seems to be the wisest course. Parents and pastors must have confidence in the administration of the college and realize that if such things are taking place, they will not be permitted for long.

There are times when rumors develop over something entirely foreign to administrative knowledge. A student may temporarily break the rules of the school secretly and thus sow the seeds of rumor.

Another source of rumors is a misunderstanding of statements made by faculty members or students. One teacher said in class, "It is bad enough for men to smoke, but it is even worse for women." A student wrote home that this teacher had said it was quite all right for the men to smoke!

People often fail to realize that students cannot be disciplined on the basis of rumor and suspicion. There must be evidence and witnesses. Students are reluctant to testify against a fellow student. In such cases, the only course is to allow the culprit to continue in his own boldness, born of seeming success, until he piles up sufficient evidence.

Our colleges have not been built in a day, and they will not be destroyed in a day by a few exceptional and temporary violations of the standards of the institution, just as local churches are not destroyed in a day by the few who violate their standards. If our colleges are destroyed, it will be because our churches have failed to instill a real sense of spiritual values into the great majority of young people who attend.

Many people who criticize our colleges would be unable to run the institution after their own requirements, simply because they do not understand the fundamental principles governing a Christian college. Others who decry action of college leaders are the first to plead for understanding when members of their family or church are involved.

The next time you hear some detrimental rumor about your college, remember that it does not represent the great majority of splendid young people who make up the student body. Remember, also, that you can help more by letting that rumor end with you, and by making the matter a subject of earnest prayer, than you can by passing it along with the accompanying ugly criticism of your college administration.

—Herald of Holiness.

Note: For the benefit of some who might not know, I make the following statement: It has been my opportunity and responsibility to be connected with our Bible Training School and College (now Lee College) for thirteen and a half years, as student, teacher, superintendent and president, and now member of the Board of Education, besides the nine years of general supervision of all our work; and through these years I have followed it with particular interest and believe that our colleges have so much in common; in fact, I think numerous instances could be cited where our school has experienced, suffered, endured, and surmounted every one of these similar afflictions as have been the test of other holiness schools and colleges.—Editor-in-Chief.

EDITORIALS...

NOTE ON MISSIONS

There are still three capital cities in which there are no Christian churches. They are Lhasa in Tibet, Mecca in Arabia, and Kabul in Afghanistan. This report has a deceptive note in it. One would suppose that these three cities would complete the circle of the globe, and in every nation. It would, but think of multimillions in all the world who have not heard the gospel, even though there are Christian churches in their capital cities.

CONVENTIONS IN THE ISLANDS

Rev. J. Stewart Brinsfield, Executive Missions Secretary, and Rev. James L. Slay, pastor of the North Cleveland Church of God, began an extensive trip to the island conventions. Brother Slay accompanied Brother Brinsfield to Miami, where he went to the Bahamas and Cuba; Brother Brinsfield, on to Puerto Rico, Jamaica, and Haiti, making a more thorough study of the developments in this area.

Pastor Slay returned last night very enthusiastic over the great possibilities in our mission fields he visited, and stated that he was certainly thankful for the great work that is being done among these less fortunate people. He says that once you visit these people you will always be a missionary.

In times past, it has been my privilege and responsibility to visit the conventions in these islands, and today these trips, including those into the interiors, are scenes that remain precious memories. Our work through the years has continued to grow and offer greater opportunities to spread the gospel among the natives, whose souls are precious in His sight.

JAMAICA

In Jamaica, one meets the friendly British atmosphere, scenery of great beauty, fairly good roads, and living conditions both quaint and rich, and among our people some most sincere worshipers and splendid singers. It always thrilled me to hear and to sing with those great congregations that crowded out the great convention hall. They sang those good old gospel hymns with such fervor.

CUBA

Our visits to Cuba will long be remembered. Those precious people have, through the years, shown their sincerity and devotion by the sacrifice they have made to promote the work in their country. I especially remember our Brother Blanco and his efforts at Santiago de Cuba.

BAHAMAS

In the Bahamas, only a few minutes out from Miami, you find yourself quite far removed from customary America; but since many tourists visit all these islands, they have become accustomed to think of all Americans as being rich people. While we are not rich, the contrast is great, for the natives have it very hard.

HAITI

Of all my visits, those to Haiti have remained the most precious, I suppose, for these people are so closely associated with the native customs of Africa. It has been said there that "you will come to Haiti but you will never leave. No one has ever yet said good-bye to Haiti—not definitely. It always means 'au revoir,' whatever the language—and

there is always a mental date for your return."

Haiti is called the "Island of Mystery and Charm." On Columbus' first visit, his Santa Maria was wrecked on the northern coast of Haiti. There he built a crude stockade of timbers and left a small band of men, but they were never found again. This was the first settlement attempted in America. The hand-hammered anchor of the Santa Maria is still in Port-au-Prince.

Early French adventurers gave Haiti its background and language. Slaves were imported, plantations flourished, and later the slaves conquered the rulers and controlled the country. It is today still a negro republic. It has had its many, many difficulties and has struggled at times for its existence. Many thousands of its subjects have very little to live upon. The average amount of money per capita a year ago was only 90c, which, of course, meant many tens of thousands had literally nothing, financially; however, the country is blessed with many tropical fruits, without which I hardly know what on earth they would do.

Haiti is the most foreign, most mysterious of all our near-by islands. It is a land of contrast in religion. While the people are outwardly Catholics, yet underneath the veneer there lives the old voodoo religion brought over from dark, heathen Africa. I was told by Rev. H. O. McConnell, while in Haiti, that a man died, whose funeral services were being conducted at a cathedral, and at the same time voodoo priests were conducting a most degrading ceremony for the same man. In that ceremony, the priests were trying to bring back the spirit of the dead man and put it into someone standing around. Finally, they concluded that the spirit of the dead man had returned and entered into a girl. As a result she became known as Father Peter.

With all the superstitions and evil worship among them, they certainly need the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are very thankful that we have, in these last few years, been able to see over fifteen thousand brought to the Lord, many of them filled with the Holy Spirit. There never was a time when we needed to pray more and to give more to the worthy cause of missions.

PALESTINE — JEWS VERSUS ARABS

On November 29, 1947, the General Assembly of the United Nations approved action partitioning Palestine into two separate and sovereign states—one for the Jews, the other for the Arabs. This has caused intense civil war. Already hundreds of people have been killed and the end is not yet. British troops are scheduled to leave out by next August. The two new states will come into existence October 1, 1948. The Jewish state will include 940,000 inhabitants, with approximately 400,000 Arabs. The Arab state will include 814,000 inhabitants, of whom 10,000 are Jews. Jerusalem is to pass under the control of Trusteeship Council, embracing some 205,000 residents. It will take a nice-sized little army to keep order, for both sides are massing military strength.

This has all the indications of being the beginning of the occupation of the Holy City again. If only they would humble themselves and seek God's divine grace in such a crucial hour! Saints everywhere should join in prayer for Palestine—the Jews—Arabs.

An Unction from the Holy One

By Mrs. Grady L. Hurst

1 John 2:20, "But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things." Verse 27, "But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him."

I would like to turn your thoughts to the Holy One spoken of in the above scripture. The Holy One is Christ. In Mark 1:24, the devil called Christ the "Holy One of God." Then, if we have received an unction from Him who is holy, it certainly must be a holy unction.

Jesus said when the Holy Ghost was come He would teach us, and bring all things to our remembrance, whatsoever He had said. Then John confirms that by saying, "But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man should teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him."

Now the Holy Ghost is our teacher and guide, but He never teaches contrary to the Word of God. The Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost are one and bear record in heaven, so when teachings or instructions become contrary to the Word of God, they are not of the Holy Ghost.

In days of old, when God chose a person to perform a definite or outstanding service for Him, that person was to be anointed with oil. The oil was a symbol of the Holy Ghost and signified that the individual was to perform the service under the anointing and leadership of the Holy Ghost. Places or things in those days which were to be used for holy service, were anointed with oil. When the tabernacle of God was completed, God commanded that every part of it be anointed with oil, meaning that it was anointed, dedicated, and set apart for holy service.

Today the people of God should be anointed for service. Oh, that our

hearts would become so stirred and we would call upon God until we would each receive a mighty unction from God. Some may say, "We are more settled now than when we first received the blessing, and there is no use in being stirred about it." Let me tell you, friends, if this salvation made you to be concerned about the work of the kingdom of God when you first received it, then it will keep you interested. When we begin to lose our interest and settle down, so to speak, then there must be something wrong somewhere.

An experience of forty years ago is not sufficient within itself, but it must be maintained. If our experience is not as real, or even much more so, than when we first received it, we need a new unction from the Holy One.

I am persuaded that each individual has the right to claim and possess a deeper, richer, and wiser experience after receiving the Holy Ghost baptism. If He is to be our Teacher, and the Bible tells us He will be, then why shouldn't we learn of the deeper things of God? I say unto you, when one receives the baptism of the Spirit, he is getting in position to learn of deeper spiritual things. AMEN.

I think sometimes the Holy Ghost is made to take a back seat in our lives, when He should have first place. He is made to take a small corner, when He should have full sway over the entire tabernacle. Not long ago, I had the privilege of attending a service where a number of visitors were present. The service was one of interest, as the visitors were called upon to speak or sing. When the service was no more than half finished, the Lord began to bless. The Holy Ghost began to manifest Himself and seemed to want the remaining part of the service, but the program continued as was pre-planned, and the blessed Dove of Peace was crowded out, with only a small part on the program, when the entire service rightfully belonged to Him. I believe we grieve the Spirit of God by failing to recognize Him and give Him honor as we should.

When Jesus told His disciples to go to Jerusalem and wait for the promise of the Father, He also told them they would be endued with power from on high. What did He mean by "power"? Did He mean power to rejoice, sing, or shout? Now don't misunderstand me, for I am not condemning any of these manifestations. It is true that God wants His people to be happy, but shouting is only an outward manifestation of inward joy. Let us think upon this endowment of power. Perhaps you are thinking that He only meant the power to live right. It is true that without a power greater than our own strength, we would never be able to live upright and possess a life of holiness, and the Holy Ghost does help us to be overcomers. These are wonderful thoughts, yet I contend that Jesus meant more than all this when He said, "Ye shall be endued with power from on high." The disciples were living good lives. They had followed Christ through His three and one-half years of teaching and leadership while He was upon earth, yet He told them to "tarry until. . ."

I feel that we, as Pentecostal believers, are too well satisfied with a shouting experience and few accomplishments in the Lord's work. We could experience far greater things wrought for God and His glory.

If the Word needed to be confirmed years ago by signs following, does it not need them to be confirmed today when there is so much doubt and unbelief, infidels and agnostics? Do we not need the mighty, miracle-working power of God upon us today? I am not seeking a sign to follow, as some may think. If Jesus felt those words were important enough to speak and teach, and since they were important enough to find a place in the sacred Word of God, surely they are important enough to mean something to the children of God.

If we have the power of God working mightily in us, surely we should have the signs following. May God give us power to accomplish more for His glory. AMEN.

Should the Year 1948 Be a Year of Evangelism?

By J. E. Hargraves

If we were asked that question individually, we would, no doubt, quickly say, "Sure, I think it should." But have we considered the question in our own hearts as we should, or as God would have us to? If we truly think it should, what are we going to do about it?

Jesus said in St. John 4:35, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

In Matthew 28:19, 20, He charged His disciples, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

I am inclined to believe that should those beloved men be living in our present day, and beholding the condition of the world now, with so much sin and ungodliness, their hearts would be more on fire to fill the capacity of their charge than then. It behooves us to search and behold as Christ commanded, "Now is the accepted time," because 1949 may be far too late. We should feel that every day that goes by, which is not spent doing something for God, is wasted. Of a truth, in past days, months, and years, precious moments have slipped through idly, yes, even through busy fingers, never to be regained, but forever lost to our advantage. Paul said, in Phil. 3:13, 14, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Yes, the things behind should be remembered only to inspire us to fight harder for God. God is calling recruits for service. This is a warfare of the Spirit against powers of darkness. The devil is loose, friends, and devouring many today. Souls are

going down in sin and debauchery, crying for help. Lest we fail God, let us shake ourselves and behold the fields that are white.

You say, "People will not listen. They are not interested in salvation." Do you have what it takes to make them interested? Stay on your knees until you get the fire burning in your soul, and get down to business with God and His Church. This is a day and hour when we need to mourn and weep for the people.

Joel 2:17a, "Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach."

Joel 2:1, "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the

LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand."

Isaiah 58:1, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins."

Heb. 10:25, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Someone expressed that you couldn't have a revival now. Brother, I say we can have a revival in our regular services, at home, on the job, or anywhere we meet conditions with God and begin to see the need of a revival spirit in our churches.

Ecc. 10:18, "By much slothfulness the building decayeth; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through." So I say, awaken yourselves, brothers and sisters. Let us put our hands to the plow and look forward, striving to promulgate this gospel to the four corners of the earth. Jesus is coming and we want to be busy gathering in the sheaves. So, 1948 should not be a year of slackening up, but a year of pressing forward. Zephaniah 3:16b, "And to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack." Whatsoever your hands find to do, do it diligently.

The Effects of a Shadow

MRS. ESTELLE ROBERTSON

Reading Lesson: Acts 5:12-16.

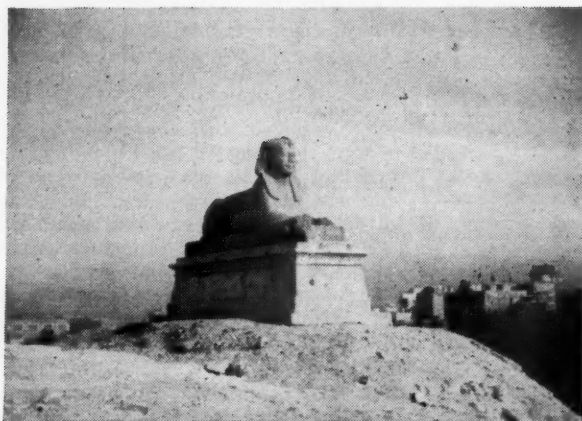
Text: Acts 5:15, "*Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.*"

We find numbers of shadows, but not all of them have the effect on others which Peter's shadow had. As we go on with our lesson, let us see what kind of shadow we are casting. We see the apostle Peter treading along the streets, with the glory of God shining on him. There had been so many believers added to the Lord through the works of Peter that they were bringing the sick out into the streets on beds and couches, so that if Peter couldn't touch them and pray for them, at least his shadow would fall on them. No doubt, numbers were healed by just the shadow as Peter passed by. Multitudes brought sick folk and those which were vexed with unclean spirits, and every one was healed. What! Every

one? Yes, not just one once in a while. Peter didn't say, "If you will just have faith, you will be healed." I imagine there were some who didn't have mind enough to have faith, but they were healed.

My, how we need more of such men as Peter was! We have too many who are afraid to trust God themselves, too many ministers behind the sacred desk without faith to trust the Lord for themselves. What kind of a shadow are you casting? Not one on which sick people can depend? Reader, are you casting a shadow that would make those who are sick and in need want you to pray for them? To make a good shadow there must be something to throw the shadow. So, to have the good effects of a shadow, there must be a good, clean, consecrated life to precede it.

Peter merely lived such a humble life and did the works Jesus said for him to do, that everyone knew what he did because he did it. If we don't
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A sphinx on the site where Alexander the Great had his palace in the City of Alexandria, Egypt.

EGYPT LIVES ON

By Rev. D. B. Hatfield

LONG and eventful has been the history of Egypt. She is like her pyramids, which in their colossal greatness stand as a monument to their ancient builders, and which bid a calm but proud defiance to the ravages of time. She is one of the most ancient countries in the world, for from almost the dawn of time there has been an Egypt. She cradled civilization in its earliest ages; shares the distinction as having had a great part in the discoveries of many scientists of the world; and produced some of the world's greatest wonders, some of which stand until this day.

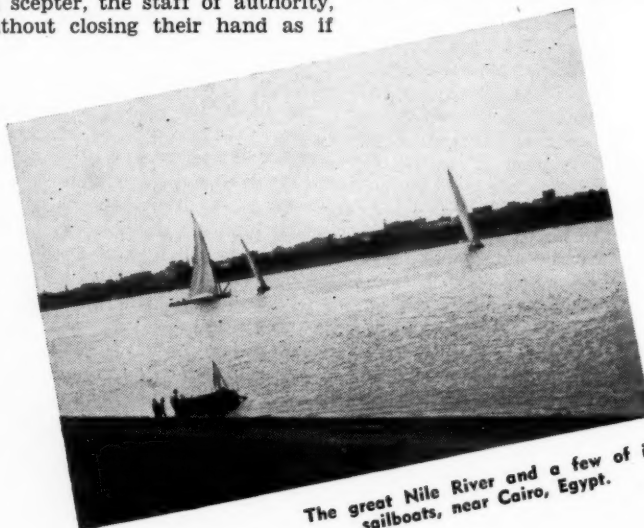
Unless a person has visited Egypt's ancient ruins and seen her wondrous museums of antiquities, it would be impossible to comprehend or conceive of the vastness of wealth and eminence of science to which she attained at that early age. The fine arts, crafts and industries which archaeologists have revealed, when they unearthed her treasures hidden in the vaults and tombs of her rich kings, would compel one to believe that she once enjoyed a very high, enlightened, and refined civilization. When her museums show to her credit things made of plastic from an early dynasty, it seems to be reason to doubt if our plastic and nylon of today is a modern achievement. Her warriors, thousands of years ago, used the camouflaging tactics to conceal her soldiers from the enemy, so the camouflaging of soldiers and equipment in the last war was not a new thing. Many of our modern and scientific developments are just improvements on the old. In

this light, we can understand the wisdom of Solomon's words, "The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done, is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun," Eccl. 1:9.

Surely, Egypt's history, literally speaking, has been the longest and greatest of all the ancient world. In no other kingdom have kings ruled so long, and so proudly, and with more riches than in Egypt. They reigned in all the supreme power of a monarch, as is shown in her hieroglyphic symbols. Her skilled sculptors never carved a statue of their esteemed masters without clinching in their fist a scepter, the staff of authority, or without closing their hand as if

clasping something. His closed hand, concluded not to be empty, indicates that the power of the kingdom was fully in the hand of the king, and was not given to their prime ministers as today.

Egypt has not always been an aggressive country, aspiring to rule over her neighbors, but at times and under certain kings she conquered to the east and to the south, as well as to the north, and became a great empire. At other times she was conquered and suffered under the foreign yoke. In many cases, Egypt has prospered by her foreign rulers, such as Alexandria the Great, who



The great Nile River and a few of its sailboats, near Cairo, Egypt.

built the beautiful city of Alexandria, on the Mediterranean Seacoast, which opened Egypt to the European countries for commercial trading. He pushed his way as far inland as the pyramids, and has made his stamp upon the country. The Suez Canal has made Egypt famous, providing a trade route between Europe and the far East, but it was not built by an Egyptian ruler. Sovereign power left the Egyptians when they were conquered by the Persians, and since that the rulers of Egypt haven't been Egyptians by race. This is in keeping with Ezekiel's prophecy, "There shall be no more a prince out of the land of Egypt," chapter 30, verse 13. Also, in Zechariah 10:11, "The scepter of Egypt shall depart away." We understand by these verses that because of her sins, which sins we shall mention in this article, God has removed her privilege to rule in her own country, yet her kingdom was to continue, but was to be ruled by foreigners. She has never been extinguished, and her ancient boundaries remain the same. Ezekiel 30:12 says, "I will sell the land into the hand of the wicked: and I will make the land waste, and all that is therein, by the hand of strangers: I the Lord have spoken it." This prophecy has been fulfilled to the letter, as has been or shall be the case with all prophecies. She once ruled her foreign subjects with such cruelty, and built her monuments with a race she considered inferior to themselves. With her the tide has changed. Those

whom she despised came and laid her own land waste, and it was desolate for centuries, as the prophecies foretold.

In A. D. 638, this country was invaded and taken, with little or no opposition, by the Arabs, sons of Ishmael, who at first did not persecute the Christian natives. After a few centuries, when Egypt became the center of Mohammedanism, a religion founded by an Arabian soldier and prophet (570-632), whose name was Mohammed, and who claimed he had revelations from God, whom the Moslems of all the Arabic nations in the Middle East worship as the prophet of God, instead of Jesus, because he is of Isaac, the son of Abraham by Sarah, and not from the ancestral line of Ishmael, their progenitor. For this reason, the Egyptian natives, because they were Christian in belief, have been sorely pressed and had heavy government taxations laid upon them, and because of this the majority of the Egyptians became Moslems. In Egypt, there are about two million left of her native people, who have not turned to Mohammedanism, and with a small part of her population consisting of Europeans, who are Christian in belief, including many Catholics and orthodox, the majority, or at least two-thirds, are Moslems.

The Egyptians are descendants of Mizraim, one of the sons of Ham, the second son of Noah. In her native language Egypt is called Misr, taken from the name of their ancestor Mizraim. Her forefathers undoubtedly

had a knowledge of the true God and the kind of worship acceptable to Him. History reveals that they forsook this course, that is of worshiping the true God, and descended to the level of worshiping nature and the creature itself, such as birds, beetles, serpents, cats, dogs, cattle, and also rivers and trees. Great images and hieroglyphs of the once famous and sacred Bull "Apis" are yet to be seen in the museum at Cairo and in the catacombs of Alexandria, as well as a full statue in Luxor in Upper Egypt, where is the place called "the Valley of the Kings." They worshiped the scarab, a dung beetle, as the creator of the world, believing that it rolled the little ball until it became the big world. This the Egyptians worshiped and wore it about their necks as a charm. It was also used by the king as an insignia on his ring and as the king's seal. They feared the little animal that robbed graves, and came to worship it to keep it from robbing their graves and eating their mummies; therefore, when they came to worship it, they brought food so it would not get hungry and rob the graves. On all their coffins and sarcophaguses they engraved this animal and called it god "Obis," which means the god of the graves or tombs. They believed in a resurrection, for in the tombs of their kings they placed wealth sufficient for a kingdom when he arose in the next world. Everything they thought would be needed for his happiness they deposited with him in his tomb at his death. They even placed figures by him of those who were to serve him in the next world. The wealth placed in the two-room burial chamber of one of her youngest kings, Tutankhamun by name, who came to the throne at thirteen and died at eighteen, is of value unknown, and has been found and is shown in the museum. They made mummies of all their gods—of cats, dogs, monkeys, etc.

Paul refers to the Egyptians, in the first chapter of his Epistle to the Romans, when he says, "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things . . . Who

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Rev. D. B. Hatfield and family standing before the Great Sphinx, at Giza, Egypt. In the background may be seen one of the pyramids.

REQUESTS... for Prayer

PRAY FOR:

My daughter's health.—Mrs. Dovie Coats, Rayville, La.

My granddaughter's sight to be restored; the healing of my body.—Ollie May Johann, West Point, Miss.

An unspoken request.—A sister.
The healing of my body; an unspoken request.—Mrs. Carl Rowland, Hayesville, N. C.
My father to be healed of cancer.—Esther Craft, Findlay, Ohio.

My loved ones to be saved; Florence Gardner to be healed; me to be healed.—Lillie Moore, Giatto, W. Va.

God to give us a revival; my friends and loved ones.—Mrs. W. J. Barrentine.
Herman Frost who is in prison. — Mrs. E. D. Fox, Starkville, Miss.

Me to be filled with the Holy Ghost; an unspoken request.—Sudie Howell.

God to heal my husband of high blood pressure; the healing of my mouth.—Mrs. J. L. Moore, Kings Mountain, N. C.

An unspoken request.—A sister.
Mrs. R. R. Stanley to be healed of arthritis and a bad heart; four friends to be saved; the healing of my head.—A sister, Bluefield, Va.

The healing of my body; my loved ones.—Mrs. Zodie Guy, Spartanburg, S. C.

My husband to be healed.—Mrs. J. C. Webster, Shaw, Miss.

God to heal Rev. Fred Lord; an unspoken request.—Mrs. W. H. Lyon, Jonesboro, Tenn.
A sister who has cancer; my brother who is afflicted.—Mrs. Dexter Ward, St. Charles, Virginia.

My mother to be completely healed and drawn closer to the Lord; a special unspoken request.—A sister, Blacksburg, S. C.

My husband and me to stand true to the Lord; my son to be saved.—A sister, Waresboro, Ga.

Our home; the healing of my brother.—A sister, Daddsville, Miss.

The salvation of a loved one; my mother and husband to receive the Holy Ghost; the healing of my body.—A sister.

A church to be established here so that I might attend; a friend to be saved; a sister's body to be healed.—Mrs. F. G. Buchanan, Seabrook, Texas.

A special unspoken request.—Mrs. G. B. Lee, Live Oak, Fla.

God to heal my husband and sister.—Mrs. Frank Taylor, Murphy, N. C.

My husband to be healed of heart trouble; two special unspoken requests.—Mrs. John H. Barnes, Rutherfordton, N. C.

My body.—Bertha Shideler, Lexington, Ky.
An urgent unspoken request.—A sister, Indianapolis, Ind.

The healing of my body.—Coy Bledsoe, Kildav, Ky.

God to heal my body.—W. A. Campbell, Greenville, S. C.

The healing of my body so that I might be able to work.—Floyd Hoover, Eureka, Calif.

My daughter's body to be healed.—Sister Pierce, Columbia, Miss.

My husband's arm to be healed; my cousin and aunt; me.—Mrs. R. M. Lowell, Maryland.

My sister-in-law to be healed of arthritis.
A neighbor to be healed of paralysis.—Maymie West, Bedford, Ohio.

My son and his family.—Charles Hayes, Moundsville, W. Va.

My children to be saved; my daughter to be healed of nervous spells; my son who is in trouble.—A sister, Mt. Gay, W. Va.

An unspoken request; my brother to be saved.—Mrs. Lucille Tharp, Russellville, Ala.

My four unsaved children; me to receive the Holy Ghost.—Annie M. Wasson, Moorehead, Miss.

THE COMPASSION OF CHRIST

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and the right kind of food will most generally bring them in. If they do not surrender as quickly as we want them to, don't give up. That compassionate love will sometimes overpower the devil. Praise God.

Preacher, can you truly say you are giving them the Word of God, which has power that will draw them back and show them the way to Christ? Paul said in Rom. 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." An honest-to-goodness compassion for the lost will increase the church membership, will establish and strengthen that weak member (instead of turning him out), will increase the finances, and people will see the church do things for God and lost souls. Please don't misunderstand, we have to work for the financial part, too. But think, if we had the compassion for the lost, sick, and blind, that we have for building programs, what a wonderful outpouring of God's power we would have. Then it would not be hard to

have the finest building. Every department of the church would grow and prosper. We all should be interested in the church (a place of worship). To be interested in it, we must have a compassion for the lost, a compassion for those who are about to come out, or go down. No matter how "out of sort" we think they might be, it is not the Father's will that one of these little ones should perish (Matt. 18:14). James 5:19, 20, "Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth (notice he was talking to Christians), and one convert him; let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." A Christlike compassion will cause us to see the soul back of the wrong, and remember, that is what the Saviour died for—LOST SOULS. That compassion caused Him to look on the angry mob that crucified Him, and say, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." God, give me more of such compassion as that.

Too many of us have become satisfied with just going to church and going through the same old form. Christ doesn't want a form, or an idle serv-

ant. Through faith in God we can say as Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." When the compassion for the lost leaves us, our power and strength is gone, for we find that before Jesus healed the people, or cast out the devil, He looked on them with compassion, then spake the words, and His power was revealed. Matt. 14:14, "And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick."

To you who are called to carry the precious gospel, and you who are watchmen over God's flock, does that compassion burn within your soul as you watch people make their way to the place of worship to find something for their souls, knowing there is a woe pronounced upon the message bearer if he, or she, fails to contact God for the proper food for these souls, and they become discouraged and scattered?

God said to Ezekiel (3:17-20), "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me (not what we think, but God's Word). When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn

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ONE-MINUTE SERMON

May We Live Again?

"If a man die, shall he live again?" Job 14:14. Job deeply concerned himself with this question. His children had been slain. He suffered the loss of his cattle. Within a very short time he was reduced from wealth to poverty. His body was afflicted with sores. His wife reproached him for trusting in God. In this miserable condition this vital question sprang from his troubled soul. His soul yearned for light to be shed on his gloomy pathway.

For centuries men have sought for an answer, yet failed. But Jesus brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. To a weeping world, Christ points to a country where people weep not, nor die any more. Jesus is an answer to the earnest question of Job.—*Manuel Campbell.*

Reports FROM THE FIELD

New Church of God at Mableton, Ga.

In May, 1947, Brother Ralph Morris and I, with the spirit of evangelism burning in our souls, felt the burden for new fields and planned a tent meeting. Mableton is about eight miles from our home in Riverside, and we felt that the Lord was leading us there. The first day there we met with great opposition and did not succeed in finding a lot on which to pitch our tent, but feeling it was God's will that the glad tidings of Pentecost be carried to Mableton, we were determined not to be defeated.

After about two days of praying and continuous searching, God came to our rescue. Through the kindness of Mr. G. C. Barber, a property overseer in that community, we were given permission to put up our tent, temporarily, on his lot, across the street from the Mableton school.

Our first service was on Sunday night. The attendance was very small and the lack of interest quite obvious. Nevertheless, we knew that God had called us to that field of labor and we must do our best for Him. During the first week no one was saved, but the following week, as conviction seized the congregation more and more, souls began to pray through to old-fashioned, heartfelt salvation. At the close of a three weeks' meeting, eleven souls had been gloriously saved.

From Mableton we went to Douglasville, Ga., for a two weeks' revival, which proved very successful. Fourteen souls were saved and two received the Holy Ghost. However, at the close of this meeting we felt led to take our tent back to Mableton. Some of the precious ones who had been saved in our revival there told us of their desire to have a Church of God in their community. At their request, we started Sunday School and midweek services, using the tent until we could raise funds for a building. It was then that our real work started, and I must say that I have never seen a small group so willing and anxious to work for God—adults and children alike. With no lot or material in sight, we kept work-

ing and praying. The enemy would tell us that our work in Mableton was about finished, as winter was coming on and we could not continue to worship under the tent. During those discouraging days, God inspired our hearts with promises from His Word, which gave us new zeal to press on. By faith we could see, out in the distance, a little white steepled church.

About two and one-half months went by, and we had come to "wits' end corner," when God wonderfully came to our rescue. Brother Morris went to Anniston, Ala., and there found Army barracks for sale. He purchased a building sixteen by forty-eight feet, and, of course, we all rejoiced upon his return with the good news.

The next question was, "Where can we erect this building?" We kept looking to God in faith and He didn't disappoint us. Bless His good name! He is never late, either. When our building arrived on Saturday morning, Mr. Rex Moss gave us permission to set it up on his lot on Front Street. The brethren all agreed to give a day's work on Monday, and what a happy day for us as this building went up!

While the building was being completed, painted, etc., we kept our services going under the tent, and God continued to bless. The great day came in November, when we held our first service in our new building. God blessed us in a special way, and we praise and thank Him for all His goodness.

The church was set in order by Rev. G. R. Watson, on Sunday, December 21, at 3 p.m. Many were present from other churches, which encouraged our hearts; but best of all, the presence of God was there.

The building cost approximately \$1,300, including asbestos shingles on the outside, underpinning, painting inside, nice seats, and chairs for the choir—a very neat building, and we owe only a small balance on it. Yes, we are proud, indeed, of our "little white church with the steeple" and eighteen fine members. We call it "the small church with a great Christ." Although it is the baby church on the district, in size and age, it is growing rapidly and before too long we expect

it to be in a higher bracket. Pray that God will ever bless us in our labor of love in His vineyard.—Johnnie M. Owens.

HUNDREDS RECEIVED DEFINITE EXPERIENCES

Rev. A. V. Childers and his coworkers, J. C. Vaughan, pianist and soloist, and music director, W. T. Reynolds, came to Wilson to work for the Church of God. They organized a church here the last week of June, and began a revival on lots which had been purchased by the state and district. Brother Childers' revival continued for ten weeks, under a 60-by-110-foot tent. Hundreds received definite experiences; the altar was filled almost every night. One night alone thirty-five were counted in the altar.

When the church was organized, before Brother Childers left Wilson to go to another town to work for lost souls, twenty-eight united with the Church of God. I am glad to say I was the first to step out from where I was standing when the opportunity was given for those desiring to unite with the church.

We had a good attendance during this revival. After Brother Childers and coworkers had worked here ten weeks, they left Wilson for another town, but we had another tent to come, with Brother Leonard Newton in charge. Due to other revivals in town, we decided to postpone the revival and have Wednesday night prayer meeting, along with the regular Sunday afternoon service. Brother Newton stayed with us only three weeks.

When Brother Newton left us, we had another fine young preacher to come to work with us and help, as we undertook to build a church. Brother Archie Luke conducted a revival and God blessed; souls were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Sunday, October 5, we had our first Sunday School, with twenty-four in attendance, in a newly organized church, and the second Sunday we had sixty-seven.—Miss Daisy Driver.

Not in the clamor of the crowded street,

Not in the shouts and plaudits of the throng.

But in ourselves are triumph and defeat.

—Longfellow.

REVIVALS

HAYMOND, Ky.—A great revival has just closed at Haymond, Kentucky, with Rev. W. L. Bloomfield, pastor of the Neon Church, in charge of the preaching. Rev. Ivin Pruitt, pastor of Millstone and Seco churches, helped with the preaching. The church at Neon really stood by and helped in every way. The singing and preaching were wonderful and the power of God fell in a great way. There were eight saved, seven sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, six added to the Church of God at Neon, and five wonderfully healed. Pray for the church at Neon that it will continue to grow.—Sister Jimmie Phillips.

MONROE, La.—We have just closed a three weeks' revival, with Sister Daisy Flanagan doing the preaching. Each message was food for the saints and a warning to the sinners. Sister Flanagan surely was a blessing here. A number were blessed, saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. There were nine added to the church. We appreciate our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Horace Taylor. They are doing a great work for the Lord. We ask an interest in your prayers for the Monroe church.—Miriam Wright, reporter.

RUSSELL SPRINGS, Ky.—We have just closed a good revival here at the Freedom Church of God, with Sister Mae Tucker as the evangelist. She certainly did some real old time, Holy Ghost preaching. Two were saved, three sanctified, and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Many others were under conviction, and the saints were greatly blessed. We closed the revival November 25, and on Thanksgiving Day we observed the Lord's Supper and washed the saints' feet. Any church would do well to have Sister Tucker for a revival.—Walter Wilhite, pastor.

DOYLE, Tenn.—We have just closed another great revival at Haston Chapel. There were seven saved, seven sanctified, twelve filled with the Holy Ghost, ten baptized in water, and nine added to the church. There have been twenty-three added to the church since last year. It has doubled in

membership since 1946. We had a membership of only twenty; now we have forty-three, for which we praise the Lord. We had a wonderful healing service and the Lord really did bless. Several were healed and the church has been greatly revived.—Mrs. Edith Miller.

BOGALUSA, La.—We are having a glorious revival here at Bogalusa. Rev. M. D. Harwood preached some wonderful sermons, but at the end of two weeks he had to return to his church. We called Sister Daisy Flanagan to carry on as evangelist. She fasted and stayed on her knees three hours daily. People were beginning to believe that the days of revivals were over but, praise God, fasting and prayer changes things. God gloriously saved twelve, all adults except two. A number were sanctified, twelve filled with the Holy Ghost, and six added to the church. The revival is still going. Last night one young man received an experience, another united with the church.—Marvin Johns, pastor.

ARCHIBALD, La.—We closed a four weeks' revival Sunday night, December 21. The evangelist was Brother Bobby Ball, of Ohio. He did some old-fashioned holiness preaching, which was enjoyed by all. Several were saved and sanctified and the power of God was real in every service. We appreciate Brother Ball and his good messages. He is a good preacher and any church will do well to secure him for a revival. We all greatly appreciate Brother Clayde Forman as the pianist, giving all his time during this revival. We also appreciate our devoted pastor, Rev. C. C. Floyd, and his good wife and family. They are all

out for God and His cause, working and laboring for the saving of souls. Pray for the entire church here at Archibald. We want our church to rise and shine for God.—Mrs. R. L. Wiggins, Rayville, Louisiana.

WAKE FOREST, N. C.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival, with Rev. Roland Verrico doing the preaching. God blessed in a great way. It was one of the best revivals the church has had. The power of God came down in a great way. The evangelist preached on divine healing one night and we had a great service. My little girl was healed. We praise God for all that was accomplished.—Ruth Davis.

NAUVOO, Ala.—I praise the Lord for our good revival. Brother R. L. Brasker did the preaching. There were six saved, seven sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, and six added to the church. The Holy Ghost was manifested in a great way. Brother and Sister Brasker would prove a blessing to your church. They believe in letting the Holy Ghost have charge, and are very humble workers. The Lord is blessing and doing great things for us here. We give Him all the praise.—Frank Pair, pastor.

FORK RIDGE, Tenn.—We have just closed a successful revival, with Brother Garrett Swain doing the preaching, assisted by Brother Bill Defevers. There was great interest every night. Twelve were saved, six sanctified, two baptized with the Holy Ghost, ten added to the church, and five baptized in water. The church is greatly encouraged and on fire for God. At the close of the revival we observed the Lord's Supper and feet washing, and the Lord surely blessed in a wonderful way. We thank the Lord for the folks at Fork Ridge. They are good people with whom to work.—Rev. George Lewis, pastor.

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Testimonies

I praise the Lord for His goodness to us during the time my husband was ill. He received a badly broken leg in the mines and contracted pneumonia. I sent a telegram to Headquarters, requesting prayer for him. I thank all of the saints who prayed for him, especially the people at Roderfield who so faithfully prayed for us. We give Jesus all the praise for healing him, because we know He does and can heal us if we will just believe in Him. Pray for us.—Mrs. Ray Gills.

STOCKTON, Calif.—I praise the Lord for healing my body twice. I had suffered fourteen years or more, off and on, with my side, which the doctors said was appendicitis and gallstones. Two doctors wanted to operate on me, but God wonderfully healed me more than two years ago. He also healed me again a few months ago. I want Him to have the praise. Bless His name!—Mrs. John Griggs.

CROCKETT, Texas—Just a few words for my Lord. I am glad He is the same yesterday, today, and forever and changeth not.

I almost had a nervous breakdown and I promised the Lord that if He would give me deliverance I would testify of it for His glory. He has given me deliverance, and I can say if it had not been for the Lord I would have been a nervous wreck. I am glad He still hears and answers prayer. I sent Brother Rouse a handkerchief to anoint and pray over. When he returned it, I laid it on my body and asked the Lord to heal me. I pinned it on my clothes and wore it a week and the nervousness left me. — L. Woodard.

BROOKPORT, Ill.—Greetings in Jesus' name. I praise the Lord for victory in my soul and for the sweet Holy Ghost who keeps me from day to day. I thank Him for His healing power which touched my body. I am not completely healed, but I know He is able to heal these lungs if I keep trusting Him. Please pray that I'll get victory over this disease and will do what the Lord would have me to

do.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. J. R. Owen.

OPELIKA, Ala.—The Holy Ghost abides and I would like to sound a note of praise for my Redeemer. I praise Him for His wonderful love and especially for divine healing, for He is my Healer. I thank God for that great hand of love which reached down thirteen years ago, lifted me out of the mire of sin, set me on the highway of holiness, placed a determination in my heart to go all the way with Him, and added me to the Church of God, which I believe is the Bible Church and is the church of my choice. Oh, glory to God!

I thank God for the many times He has healed me. He healed me of a trouble in my side, when the doctors said I would have to be operated on. He also healed me of hay fever, asthma, malaria fever, and many different things. Glory to God! I trust Him with both soul and body. I don't take any medicine, neither rub on any, for God is able to supply all our needs.

I thank Him for the little church here in Opelika. Although we are few in number, just twenty some odd members, we have a real good Sunday School going. I also thank God for our good pastor and his family. Brother Melvin is doing a good work for the Lord here. Everybody seems to like him, his good wife, and family.

I feel that God gave me a work to do in trying to encourage those who are discouraged and in praying for the sick, so if there is anyone who would like to write me about your troubles, I will be glad to help you take them to God in humble prayer. I really thank God for that great love and mercy He has shown to me. I

love the Lord and want to do more for Him.—Miss Lula Murphy, Route 2.

Baby Healed

I praise the Lord for old-time salvation and for His wonderful healing power. Sometime ago, my baby had large blisters on him. Our desire is to fully trust the Lord with the healing of our bodies, so I promised the Lord if He would heal my baby I would give Him the praise. I praise the Lord that he is well today. The Lord has healed many times in our home and I know He will continue to heal if we will trust and obey. I would like for all who read this to pray for the Lord to heal my gums, as I have a bad place on them that bothers me very much. May God bless all of you who read this testimony.—Mrs. M. F. Robinson.

Trust in the Lord

I'm glad to testify that Jesus heals today just as He did when He walked the shores of Galilee. I promised the Lord if He would heal my little boy's hands, I would testify to it. Praise the Lord, the work is done! I am so glad that God is no respecter of persons. I thank God for a friend who sticketh closer than a brother. We see in Psalm 46:1 that God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. We want to do as Proverbs 3:5, 6 tells us: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart: and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths."—Mrs. A. T. Allen.

Healed

While I was reading the testimonies in the *Evangel*, I was suffering so much with my kidneys I could hardly stand it. I promised God if He would heal me, I would write you about it. Praise the Lord, He healed me and I thank God for it.—W. C. Bennett, Rome, Ga.

Jesus said—"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock." Rev. 3:20.

I invite you to worship in your church, and to bring others. I not only covet the opportunity to serve you in the pulpit, but ask your prayers so that together we may be able to make the church a real live force in our community.

Faithfully yours,

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changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up."

Many judgments from God have been visited upon the Egyptians for these sins, and through the ages, in her struggle to survive, she has been washed clean from her idolatry. Today she is a minority in her own land among strangers, but is a Christian nation, believing in Jesus Christ as the divine Son of God. In spite of her ancient apostatizing, her future has been foretold millenniums ago, and we have these comforting words concerning her: "Blessed be Egypt my people," Isa. 19:25. She has done many things for the people of God, and for this it seems God has reserved a blessing for her, which may not be fully enjoyed until the later part of the millennium. She has been blessed in that some of the greatest of missionaries have landed on her soil and told the grand story of Jesus' death and resurrection. This includes John Mark, whom she martyred in Alexandria. But they kept coming, until she surrendered and became a Christian, believing nation. She has been famous as a refuge. In Egypt, Abraham found relief from the famine in Palestine. Joseph found favor with Pharaoh and became governor of the land. She gave corn to Jacob and his sons, and the best part of her land for a home for more than four hundred years. I cross this reputable great land of Goshen each time I visit our work in Port Said, at the source of the Suez Canal. The land is largely desolate today. Egypt provided refuge for the young child Jesus when Joseph and Mary fled from the wicked Herod. The last and least of God's people for whom she has provided a refuge from the troubles of Palestine, is the writer and his family, though we are not depending on Egypt for protection, but entirely on the One for whom we came here to do a work. Three kings were sheltered by Egypt during the last war. They were the king of Albania, king of Bulgaria, and King Victor Emmanuel, of Italy, who died here last Sunday (December 28, 1947). These kings all fled from nazism in Europe.

There are many things for which this country is famous, without which it would not be Egypt. Many of these

things are indispensable to the country and its people. The first is the Nile River, called "the Mississippi of Egypt." It is one of the largest rivers in the world, and is more than four thousand miles long. It is fed by tributaries in the central African countries. It passes through the hottest and driest regions of the earth. The whole life and existence of Egypt is bound up in this river. Without the Nile, Egypt would be a desert, for it is a narrow strip of land with the Libyan Desert on the west and the Sinai Desert on the east. Its length reaches from the Mediterranean Sea on the north to the Sudan border on the south, about one thousand miles. Her soil is perhaps of the most fertile in the world, which is due to her canal irrigation system and the annual overflow of the Nile from July to September, caused by the torrential rains that fall in the highlands of Abyssinia. It is interesting to know how the poor native people love their Nile River. They worship it. The fellahin, who is the native that tills the soil from dawn until dusk, Monday through Sunday, is Egypt's most important citizen. The home of the fellahin is the village hut made of mud-brick walls, plastered inside with mud, has a ground floor, and is roofed with corn or cotton stalks. Apart from his far too little to eat because of his meager income, is the unsafe condition of his house, which encourages diseases and is often the source of Egypt's many disease epidemics. Such a house is always far too small for his family, which consists of his wife and usually several children, and his water-buffalo cow, a sheep or two, a goat and a donkey, which must share

part of the house for a stable, since they have to be brought inside at night to prevent them from being stolen. You can image how difficult it would be to prevent germs from spreading and weakening the people with disease. But thanks to God for the warm sunshine of Egypt, which acts as a natural disinfectant. The village women carry their drinking and kitchen water from the canals in their waterpots balanced gracefully upon their heads. Usually there is a large water vessel in front of the hut that must be kept filled with water, so morning and evening these pots are filled. About two out of every five deaths in Egypt are of children under one year. Those who survive the first few years are often infected with a persistent, if not an incurable, eye disease, through the exposure to dust, flies, and dirt. There are no flies in the world like the flies in Egypt. They are so terrible that one can not keep them knocked off. Fly swats and switches are handy tools, and even carried while walking the streets. Eye diseases are not the most serious of the epidemics of Egypt, but are far more widespread than any other, affecting, it is said, 90 per cent of the population. No visitor to this country can fail to notice the fly-ridden faces of the small children, and the strained, squinting, or sightless eyes of the grownups. However, much is being done to master this by gradually increasing hospitals and clinics. Many things we could write on this line, but one would never fully understand without a personal visit.

How amazing are the pyramids of Egypt! They are called "those mighty piles." They are the last of the seven

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wonders of the ancient world and are from time immemorial. They are, indeed, a stupendous structure, and their construction is of a remarkable type. I have not tried, but they say one cannot put a knife blade between the stones, yet not an instrument or tool of metal was used. The pyramid of King Cheops, which is the largest and oldest, is said to have been built in 3733 B. C. They are located on a built-up summit overlooking the Nile Valley, about eight miles from the great city of Cairo with its nearly two million population. For a little description of the Cheops pyramid itself, it contains 2,300,000 blocks of stone, each being about 40 cubic feet high, and weighs on an average of two and one-half tons. It is 450 feet high, only 100 feet lower than Washington's monument. This pyramid alone covers an area of 13 acres and contains about 92,000,000 cubic feet of stone. If this pyramid had been built in our day, it would have cost the estimated amount of \$204,000,000, and would have employed about 3,000 men for ten years. More than 100,000 men labored twenty years to build the pyramid of Cheops.

To say the least of Egypt, she is a land of natural sunshine, but is deeply stooped in spiritual darkness and needs truly-called missionaries to tell her the story of Jesus.

THE EFFECTS OF A SHADOW

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do anything, we can't expect people to know about it. But if we do as Jesus said, we can't hide it. Jesus will shine out supremely through our lives.

If we are not following Jesus and doing as He said, there will be some bad effects of our shadows. Others will doubt, lose confidence, get careless, lose courage, and stay away from service. Instead of flocking out into the streets or churches to get us to pray for them, they will run to the doctor to see if their hearts are beating all right.

There can be good effects or bad effects of a shadow. Let us always try to cast the shadow that brings good effects.

THE COMPASSION OF CHRIST

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the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his

iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand."

My, my! what a thing to think about! It is a serious charge when one steps into the sacred pulpit. It is no place for idleness, or foolishness. Surely you do not want someone's blood required at your hand! A Christ-like compassion and obedience to God are the only things that will prevent this.

The right kind of compassion will carry members to church on prayer meeting night, make them love and abide by the teachings, make them not only want to work for God at church, but at home and wherever they go. That, too, is working for Christ and His Church. Should He speak His desire to us now, I am sure it would be "seek the lost." Nothing we could do would please Him more than to help some lost soul find the Saviour. Are our consciences clear? Can we truly say we have done everything

we knew to do to lead the lost to Christ?

You prayer warriors who read this, please pray one earnest, sincere prayer for me, that I may be the means of lost souls coming to Jesus. Thank God for the witness of the Holy Ghost as I have these thoughts.

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